

VIETNAM

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Sep 64	Statement	12nm	
	May 77	Statement	12nm	
	Jan 80	Degree No. 30/C		Foreign warships must seek permission to enter contiguous zone/territorial sea at least 30 days in advance; no more than three warships may be present in territorial sea at one time and submarines must navigate on surface; prior to entering territorial sea or contiguous zone, ships must place weapons in non-operative positions. This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1982 and conducted operational assertions in 1982, 1983, 1985 and 1986.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Nov 82	Statement		Established straight baselines and claimed substantial portion of Gulf of Tonkin as historic (internal) waters. Claimed territorial seas, contiguous zones, continental shelves, and EEZs for islands and archipelagoes beyond principal territorial sea. These claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claims in 1982 and 1987.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	May 77	Statement	24nm	Claim includes jurisdiction over security matters. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1982.
	Jan 80	Decree No. 30/C		In contiguous zone, submarines required to navigate on the surface and show flag; and aircraft prohibited from being launched from or taken aboard ships. Before entering territorial sea or contiguous zone, ships required to place weapons in non-operative positions. These claims are not recognized by the U.S.
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	May 77	Statement	CM/ 200nm	

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V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	May 77	Statement	200nm	EEZ
	Jan 80; Apr 90; Nov 90	Decree No. 30/C; Decree - Law; Decree No. 437/HDBT		Fishing permits (based upon bilateral agreements) required for foreign-flag fishing in EEZ; foreign ships not permitted in safety zones (500 m) around installations.
VI. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	May 77	Statement	200nm	Part of EEZ claim.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 82	Agreement		Historic waters boundary agreement with Cambodia signed. Contains principles for delimiting the sea boundary in historic waters - no boundary agreed upon. The historic claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested historic claim in the agreement in 1982.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	Jul 94			Ratified.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. Following is the text of a Declaration of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam of 12 November 1982 establishing the straight baseline system:

In furtherance of paragraph 1 of the declaration of May 12, 1977 of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam concerning the territorial waters, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf which was already approved by the standing committee of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam hereby defines the baseline used to measure the width of the territorial waters of Vietnam:

1. The baseline used to measure the width of the territorial waters of the continental part of Vietnam is constituted by straight lines linking the points and coordinates which are mentioned in the Annex enclosed in this declaration.

2. The baseline used to measure the width of the territorial waters of Vietnam going from point 0 - the meeting point of the two baselines used to measure the width of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, located on the high sea and on a straight line linking the Tho Chu archipelago to the Poulo Wai Island - to Con Co Island the coordinates of which are defined in the abovesaid Annex, is drawn on maps of the 1/100,000 scale of the Vietnam People's Navy published prior to 1979.

3. The Bac Bo Gulf is a gulf situated between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China. The maritime frontier drawn in the gulf between Vietnam and China is defined in Article 2 of the Convention on the Delimitation of the Frontier between Vietnam and China signed on June 27, 1887 between France and the Qing Dynasty.

The waters in the part of the gulf belonging to Vietnam constitute the historic waters pertaining to the juridical regime of the internal waters of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The baseline from Con Co Island to the opening of the gulf will be defined following the settlement of the question of the opening line of the gulf.

4. The baseline used to measure the width of the territorial waters of the Hoang Sa and Truong Sa archipelagoes will be determined in an ensuing text in conformity with paragraph 5 of the declaration of May 12, 1977 of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

5. The waters situated on this side of the baseline of the territorial waters facing the coast and islands of Vietnam form the internal waters of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

6. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will solve with the countries concerned through negotiations on the basis of mutual respect for each other's independence and sovereignty and in conformity with international law and practice the differences concerning the sea zones and the continental shelf of each country.

Annex
Coordinates of the Points on the Baseline
Used for Measuring the Width of Vietnam's
Territorial Waters

POINTS	GEOGRAPHIC NAMES	LATITUDE N	LONGITUDE E
0	On the southwestern demarcation line of the historic waters of the S.R.V. and the P.R. of Kampuchea		
A.1	At Hon Nhan Island, Tho Chu archipelago, Kien Gian Province	09.15'0	103.27'0
A.2	At Hon Da Island southeast of Hon Khoai Island, Minh Hai Province	08.22'8	104.52'4
A.3	At Tai Lon Islet, Con Dao Islet in Con Dao-Vung Tau special sector	08.37'8	106.37'5
A.4	At Bong Lai Islet, Con Dao Islet	08.38'9	106.40'3
A.5	At Bay Canh Islet, Con Dao Islet	08.39'7	106.42'1
A.6	At Hon Hai Islet (Phu Qui group of Islands), Thuan Hai Province	09.58'0	109.05'0
A.7	At Hon Doi Islet, Thuan Hai Province	12.39'0	109.28'0
A.8	At Dai Lanh Point, Phu Khanh Province	12.53'8	109.27'2
A.9	At Ong Can Islet, Phu Khahn Province	13.54'0	109.21'0
A.10	At Ly Son Islet, Nghia Binh Province	15.23'1	109.09'0
A.11	At Con Co Island, Binh Tri Thien Province	17.10'0	107.20'6